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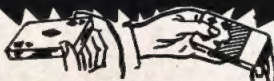


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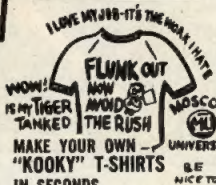


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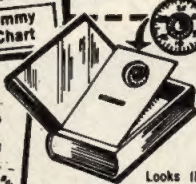
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BOLDER AND COLDER THAN EVER--AND WITH NEW NAME TO MATCH--HE ZEROES IN ON HIS PREY AND THE FRIGID FATE HE HAS FINALIZED FOR THEM!

BATMAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

MR. FREEZE'S CHILLING DEATHTRAP!

ROBIN'S FLYING THE COOP, BATMAN!

BUT DON'T WORRY, I'LL KEEP HIM HERE ON ICE! I'D HATE TO SEE YOU COLD-DIE -- ALONE!

BOB KANE

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A SCREECHING SIREN CLEARS THE WAY FOR AN AMBULANCE SPEEDING THROUGH GOTHAM CITY...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING, AUNT HARRIET! YOU'LL BE IN GOOD HANDS!

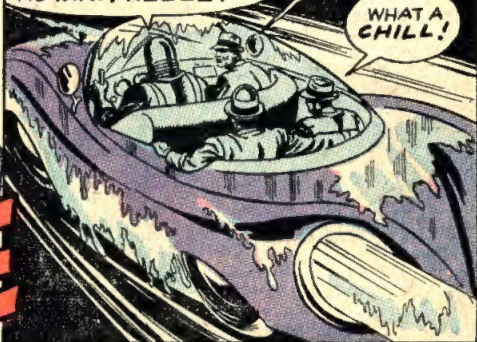


IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN A DIFFERENT TYPE VEHICLE GLIDES THROUGH THE STREETS...

I'M ABOUT TO MAKE MY FIRST APPEARANCE... AS MR. FREEZE!

WHAT A THRILL!

WHAT A CHILL!

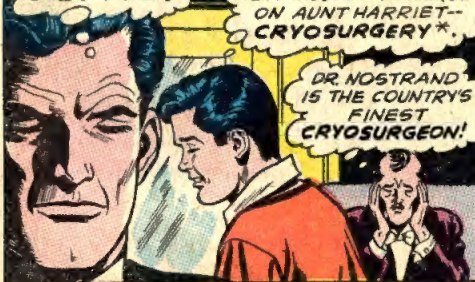


IN THE HOSPITAL WAITING ROOM, MILLIONAIRE BRUCE (BATMAN) WAYNE, HIS WARD DICK (ROBIN) GRAYSON AND THEIR BUTLER ALFRED WAIT ANXIOUSLY IN A PALL OF WORRIED SILENCE...

I HOPE EVERYTHING GOES WELL!

THEY'RE USING THAT NEW MEDICAL TECHNIQUE ON AUNT HARRIET-- CRYOSURGERY*.

DR. NOSTRAND IS THE COUNTRY'S FINEST CRYOSURGEON!



*CRYOSURGERY IS OPERATING BY USE OF INTENSE COLD

AT THIS SAME MOMENT OUTSIDE A MILLIONAIRE'S MANSION IN THE FASHIONABLE RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CLAYTON WOODS IN GOTHAM CITY...

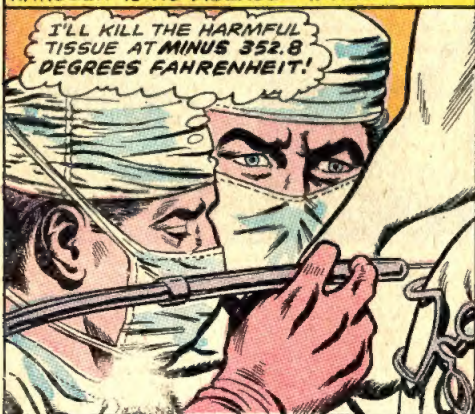
NOW THAT I'VE COOLED OFF THE GUARD, I CAN BLAST MY WAY IN HERE!

RALPH PORTER HAS JUST ACQUIRED THE VERY PAINTING I WANT--A WINTER SCENE THAT RANKS WITH THE BEST MASTERS!



IN THE OPERATING ROOM, A FINGER ACTIVATES THE CANNULA-TUBE WHICH FEEDS LIQUID NITROGEN TO ITS DISEASED TARGET...

I'LL KILL THE HARMFUL TISSUE AT MINUS 352.8 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT!



AT THIS PRECISE INSTANT, OUTSIDE THE LOCKED AND BOLTED DOORS OF THE PORTER MANSION...

I'LL FREEZE THE DOORS SO COLD THEY'LL TURN BRITTLE ENOUGH TO SHATTER WITH A KICK OF MY FOOT!



DR. NOSTRAND PAUSES--GASPS IN PUZZLED DISMAY! AGAIN HE PRESSES THE CANNULA ACTIVATION SWITCH--AND AGAIN...

IT--SUDDENLY STOPPED WORKING! AND THERE ISN'T ANOTHER MACHINE LIKE IT WITHIN A THOUSAND MILES!



DISMAY AND CHAGRIN ECHO IN THE HOSPITAL WAITING ROOM...

THE CANNULA'S BECOME DEFECTIVE, MR. WAYNE! UNLESS WE SOMEHOW GET IT WORKING AGAIN WITHIN A COUPLE OF HOURS--

--AUNT HARRIET DIES! SOBE

EASY, DICK!

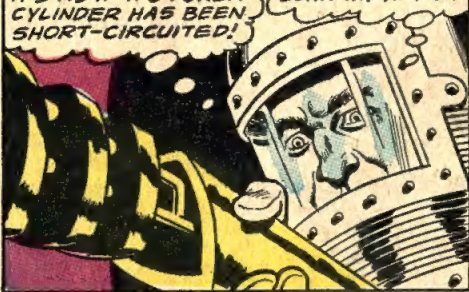
WE MUSN'T GIVE UP HOPE!



IN SIMILAR SHOCK, MR. FREEZE STARES AT HIS OWN INVENTION, THE CRYOTHERMAL GUN WHICH CAN FOCUS INTENSE HEAT OR UTTER COLD FROM ITS TWIN BARRELS...

WHAT'S WRONG? THE COLD BARREL OF MY WEAPON NEVER KONKED OUT ON ME BEFORE!-- IT'S AS IF ITS POWER CYLINDER HAS BEEN SHORT-CIRCUITED!

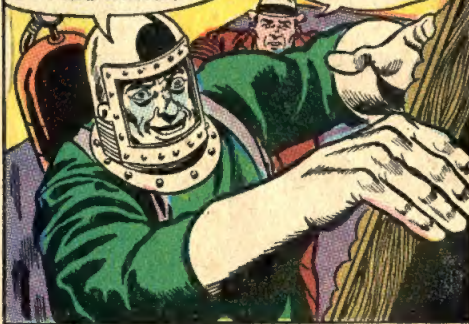
OH, WELL--I'LL SIMPLY SWITCH TO THE HEAT SECTION AND BURN MY WAY IN!



WHILE WARM DELIGHT AND COOL CHEERFULNESS RESOUND IN THE VOICE OF THE FRIGID FELON...

AT LAST! THIS PERFECT REPRESENTATION OF A WINTER WONDERLAND IS--ALL MINE!

BRRR! IT MAKES ME SHIVER JUST TO LOOK AT IT!



SCANT MOMENTS AFTER THEY HAVE RECEIVED THE BAD NEWS FROM THE SURGEON, BRUCE AND DICK ARE AGAIN SHAKEN BY...

THE BAT-SIGNAL! OH--NO! NOT AT TIME LIKE THIS!

HOW CAN WE GO INTO ACTION AS BATMAN AND ROBIN--WHEN AUNT HARRIET'S LIFE IS HANGING IN THE BALANCE?



HOWEVER--OBEDIENT TO THE SELF-DISCIPLINE THAT HAS MADE HIM THE **WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE**, BRUCE PLACES HIS CALL...

A **MR. FREEZE** JUST STOLE RALPH PORTER'S NEW PAINTING, COMMISSIONER GORDON?

WHAT?! THAT'S THE NEW NAME OF MY OLD FOE, **MR. ZERO**--WHO, BECAUSE OF AN ACCIDENT HAD TO LIVE IN TEMPERATURES OF BELOW FREEZING--OR DIE?

AND I THOUGHT HE'D BEEN CURED BY A STEAM BATH WHEN LAST WE CLASHED!

I COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR BETTER NEWS, DICK--THE EX-**MR. ZERO** HAS A **COLD-GUN!**

AND AUNT HARRIET NEEDS **UTTER COLD** INSIDE TWO HOURS--OR ELSE!

SAY NO MORE! **WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT COLD-GUN!**

HOW AND WHERE DO WE MAKE CONTACT WITH HIM?

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT ANGLE RIGHT NOW!

LUCKILY, I KNOW RALPH PORTER WELL! THE WINTER PAINTING **MR. FREEZE "STOLE"** ARRIVED ONLY THIS MORNING FROM EUROPE!

RALPH INVITED ME TO SEE IT AT HIS OFFICE WHERE HE'S KEEPING IT IN A VAULT--BUT BECAUSE OF AUNT HARRIET'S SICKNESS I COULDN'T GO!

HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT OUR FRIGID FOE STRUCK THE VERY NIGHT THE PICTURE ARRIVED IN **GOTHAM CITY**--CONVINCES ME THAT RALPH PORTER'S TELEPHONE HAS BEEN TAPPED BY OUR CHILLSOME CROOK!

SO I'M GOING TO CALL RALPH NOW!

RALPH? BRUCE WAYNE HERE! I JUST LEARNED **MR. FREEZE** STOLE YOUR DUPLICATE **WINTER WONDERLAND** PICTURE!

CONGRATULATIONS ON HAVING THE FORESIGHT TO KEEP THE **ORIGINAL** PAINTING IN YOUR OFFICE VAULT--AND HANGING THAT **COPY** IN YOUR HOME!

AS SOON AS BRUCE HANGS UP--HE IMMEDIATELY DIALS RALPH PORTER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER!...

HE JUST SPOKE TO PORTER--WHY'S HE CALLING HIM AGAIN?

STILL--BRUCE NEVER DOES ANYTHING WITHOUT A GOOD REASON!

RALPH, THIS IS **OSGOOD HARRIS!** BRUCE JUST TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR GOOD FORTUNE AND...

I GET IT! BRUCE WANTS TO MAKE **SURE MR. FREEZE** IS LISTENING ON THAT TAPPED TELEPHONE WIRE--IN ORDER TO LURE HIM TO PORTER'S OFFICE VAULT!

SO I'D BETTER GET WITH IT--AND HAVE THE **BATMOBILE** READY WHEN **BATMAN** APPEARS!

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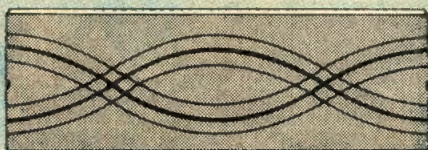
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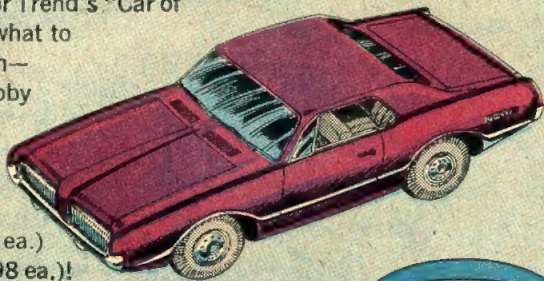


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DIRECT CURRENTS

There's a big month coming up! The Secret Six make their debut! Enemy Ace returns! Stanley and His Monster get their own mag! That's only the beginning; for a real surprise, get a load of the new art on LOIS LANE! And now, here's a rundown on coming attractions:

What foes can possibly trap SUPERMAN and BATMAN . . . subject them to incredible mental and physical torments . . . and crushingly defeat the **WORLD'S FINEST TEAM**? We guarantee a million-volt shock awaits you when you learn the identities of the mystery masterminds in the **March issue, No. 174**, which goes on sale Jan. 25!



SGT. ROCK of **EASY COMPANY** faces guns aimed directly at his heart when he meets the teen-age guerrilla fighters of **UNIT THREE** in the thrill-jammed, full-length battle epic—"A FIRING SQUAD FOR THE SERGEANT!" You'll find this sensational saga in the **April issue of OUR ARMY AT WAR, No. 192**, which goes on sale Feb. 11



Make way for the **BIG one—THE SECRET SIX!** Their mysterious leader is called **MOCKINGBIRD**—and that's all our stalwart six know about him—or her! Why are they summoned to a weird rendezvous with fate? Take a deep breath before you plunge into the first mission of this international sextet, in the epoch making ish **No. 1 (May)**, on sale Feb. 11!

TWO HUMAN ATOMS—exploding into combat! Two firm friends—turned into furious foes! An **ATOMIC FALLOUT**—threatening **TWO EARTHS!** It's double the action, double the thrills, in "**DUEL BETWEEN THE DUAL ATOMS**," in the **May issue, of THE ATOM, No. 36**, which goes on sale at newsstands everywhere on Feb. 11! Need we say—don't miss it?

RED hasn't lost any time, when he returns from the "dead," in rejoining his teammates doing business at the same old stand. And that business is danger and tracking down the unknown—but this time our manhunters become the hunted, when a weirdo releases "**THE ROBOT HOUNDS OF CHANG!**" **May CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN, No. 61**, on sale Feb. 1.

Who is the most dangerous mass-murderer of all time? He's **BLACK ZERO!** He destroyed the planet **KRYPTON**. . . and his new assignment is. . . to **BLOW UP EARTH!** **SUPERMAN'S** job. . . save Earth and avenge **KRYPTON!** But the wily world-killing alien has tricks up his sleeve that can stump the **MAN OF STEEL!** **April issue, No. 205**, on sale Feb. 6!

ON THE TAPPED TELEPHONE LINE, IN THE REFRIGERATED ROGUE'S NEW MOUNTAIN RETREAT...



SOON, IN THE SECRECY OF A LAUNDRY ROOM, BRUCE WAYNE MAKES HIS CHANGE-OVER INTO THE IDENTITY OF---**BATMAN!**...

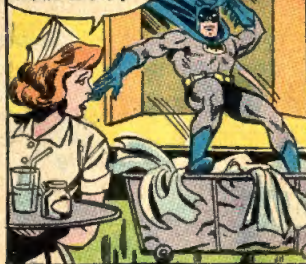
NOW TO FOLLOW MY CLOTHES DOWN THE CHUTE TO THE BASEMENT!



BATMAN?! WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I'M ON A CROOK-CATCHING OPERATION, NURSE!

MY, YOU WORK LONGER HOURS THAN I DO!



OUTSIDE IN THE **BATMOBILE**-- WHICH **ROBIN** DROVE TO THE HOSPITAL PARKING LOT WHILE BRUCE WAYNE AND ALFRED RODE THE AMBULANCE WITH AUNT HARRIET...

I WAS HOPING WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO USE THE **BATMOBILE** TONIGHT!

BUT YOU SAID TO BRING IT ALONG-- JUST IN CASE! AND HAVE WE GOT A CASE ON OUR HANDS!



ROBIN, I'M PRETTY SURE IT WAS MR. FREEZE'S CRYOTHERMAL GUN-- OPERATED AT THE SAME MOMENT DR. NOSTRAND USED HIS CANNULA-- BUT IN OPPOSITE PHASES-- THAT NEUTRALIZED EACH OTHER!



AS THE DYNAMIC DUO APPROACHES THE PORTER IMPORT COMPANY LOCATED ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE GOTHAM STATE SKYSCRAPER...

REMEMBER, WE'RE GOING UP AGAINST MR. ZERO--OR RATHER, MR. FREEZE AS HE CALLS HIMSELF NOW--SO BE PREPARED FOR CHILLS AND FEVER!

MR. FREEZE! THAT SOUNDS LIKE A CAMPY NAME DREAMED UP FOR A VILLAIN IN A TELEVISION PROGRAM!



SO CHECK THE THERMAL CONTROL IN YOUR UTILITY BELT TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST HIS WEAPON'S COLD-BARREL--WHICH I'M SURE HE'S REPLACED BY THIS TIME!

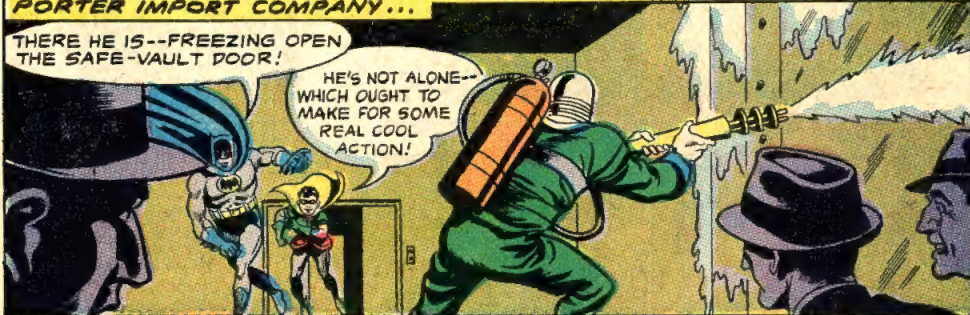
ON A HUNCH, I'M GOING TO ADD A WRINKLE OF MY OWN...



AS THE ELEVATOR REACHES THE UPPERMOST FLOOR--LEADING DIRECTLY TO THE PORTER IMPORT COMPANY...

THERE HE IS--FREEZING OPEN THE SAFE-VAULT DOOR!

HE'S NOT ALONE--WHICH OUGHT TO MAKE FOR SOME REAL COOL ACTION!



THE CROWN PRINCE OF CHILLBLAINS WHIRLS AND...

I KNEW IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT I'D CROSS PATHS AGAIN WITH BATMAN AND ROBIN! HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I GIVE YOU THE COLD-SHOULDER-TREATMENT BY ICING THE FLOOR--AND TURNING YOUR RUN INTO A TUMBLE!

WE CAME PREPARED FOR YOUR TRICKS!

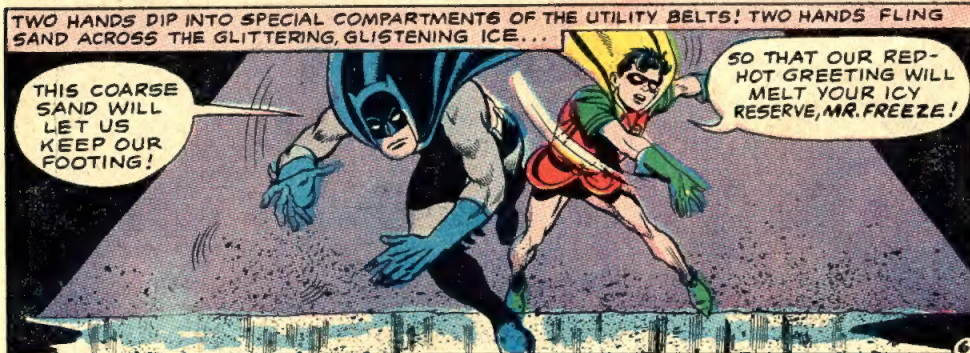
OPERATION NON-SKID COMING UP!



TWO HANDS DIP INTO SPECIAL COMPARTMENTS OF THE UTILITY BELTS! TWO HANDS FLING SAND ACROSS THE GLITTERING, GLISTENING ICE...

THIS COARSE SAND WILL LET US KEEP OUR FOOTING!

SO THAT OUR REP-HOT GREETING WILL MELT YOUR ICY RESERVE, MR. FREEZE!



THE MASKED MANNHUNTER ROCK-SOCKS INTO ACTION--BUT THE BOY WONDER APPEARS TO BE ENJOYING HIMSELF TOO MUCH TO FIGHT...



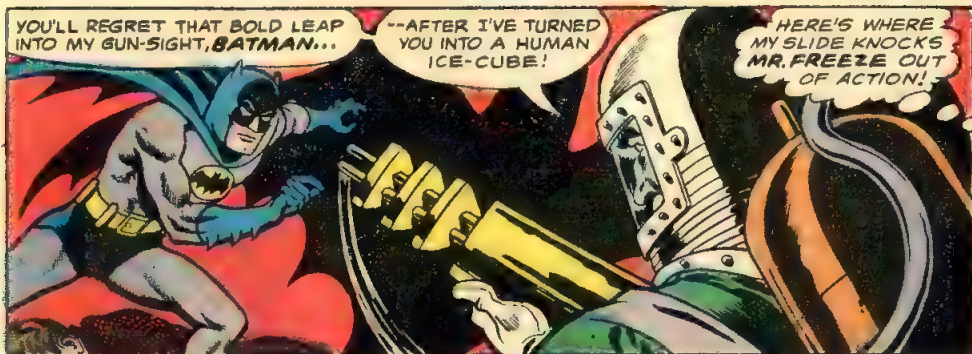
OUT OF THE WAY--I'M AFTER THE TOP MAN!

YOU'LL FIND ME A SLIPPERY CUSTOMER, BATMAN!

YOU'LL REGRET THAT BOLD LEAP INTO MY GUN-SIGHT, BATMAN...

--AFTER I'VE TURNED YOU INTO A HUMAN ICE-CUBE!

HERE'S WHERE MY SLIDE KNOCKS MR. FREEZE OUT OF ACTION!



AS NONCHALANT AS IF HE WERE SLIDING ALONG THE NEIGHBORHOOD SKATING POND, THE TEEN TITAN BARRELS INTO THE REFRIGERATED ROGUE...

N-ICE WORK, ROBIN!-- NOW GRAB HIS GUN!



KNOCKED OFF HIS FEET BY THE DOUBLE-IMPACT, THE COOL CRIMINAL MANAGES TO TRIGGER OFF A FRIGI-BLAST AT THE CEILING...

I'LL COAT THOSE BAMBOO POLES WITH ICE--

--SO THE EXTRA WEIGHT BREAKS THEM OFF!

WATCH YOURSELF, ROBIN!

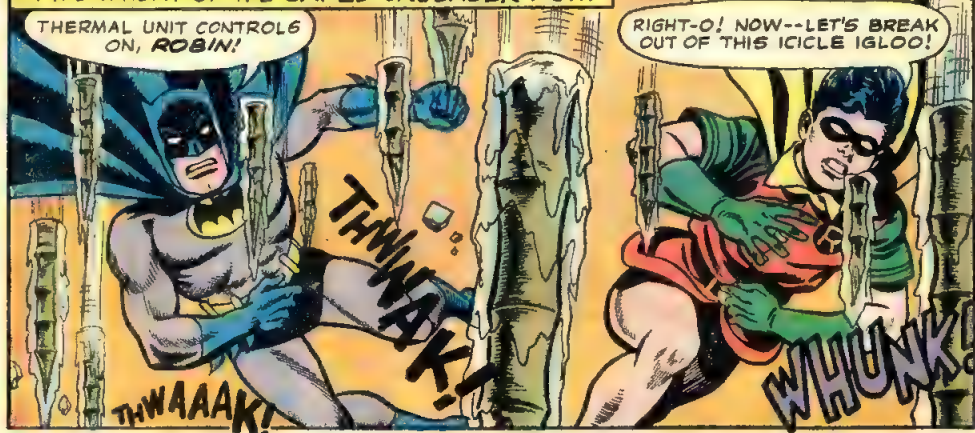
YEAH! BEWARE OF FALLING OBJECTS!



SNAP! SNAP! SNAP! THE BREAKING BAMBOO-ICICLES ECHO THE CRY OF WARNING IN THE THROAT OF THE **CAPED CRUSADER** AS...

THERMAL UNIT CONTROLS
ON, **ROBIN!**

RIGHT-O! NOW--LET'S BREAK
OUT OF THIS ICICLE IGLOO!



DON'T FORGET OUR
MAIN TARGET FOR
THE NIGHT!

NOT ME! I FEEL LIKE
AN F-111 BOMB-SIGHT
CLICKING INTO PLACE!



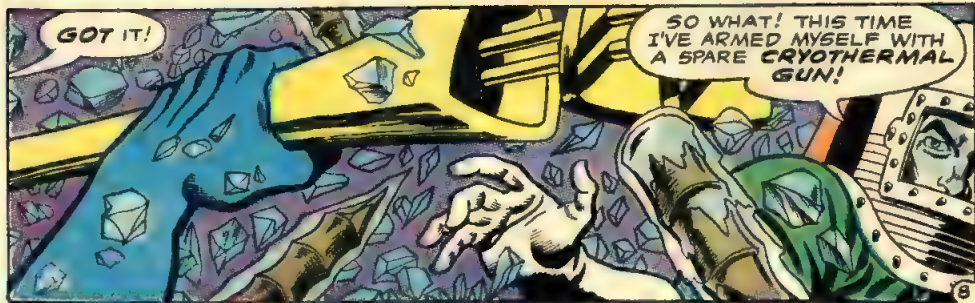
SNAPPED OFF BY THE HURLTLING BODIES OF
THE **CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS**, THE BAMBOO
ICICLES CLATTER INTO **MR. FREEZE**...

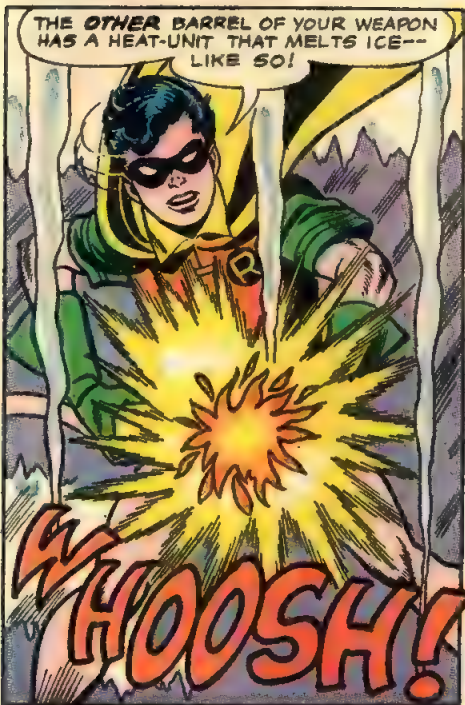
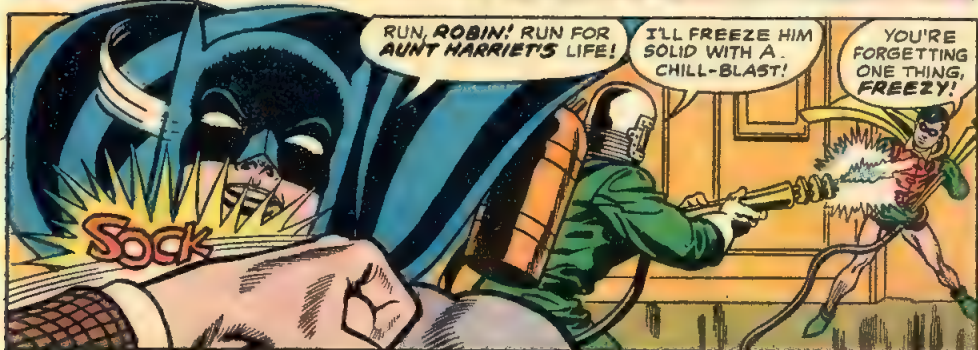
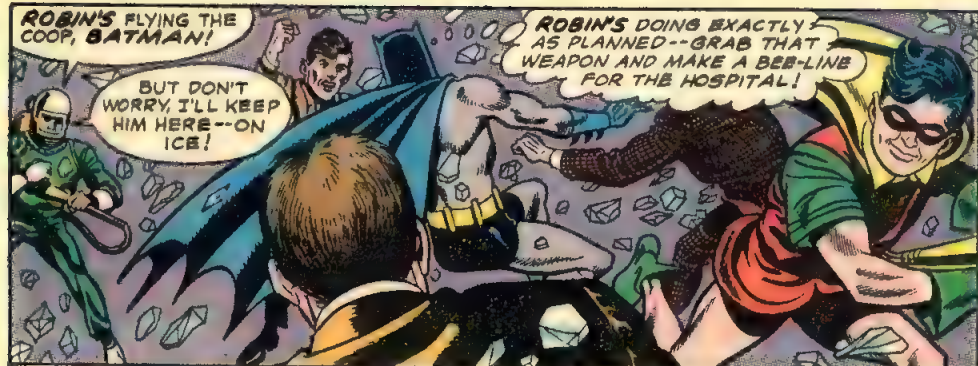
OKAY, **ROBIN**--GET THAT GUN!



GOT IT!

SO WHAT! THIS TIME
I'VE ARMED MYSELF WITH A
SPARE **CRYOTHERMAL
GUN!**





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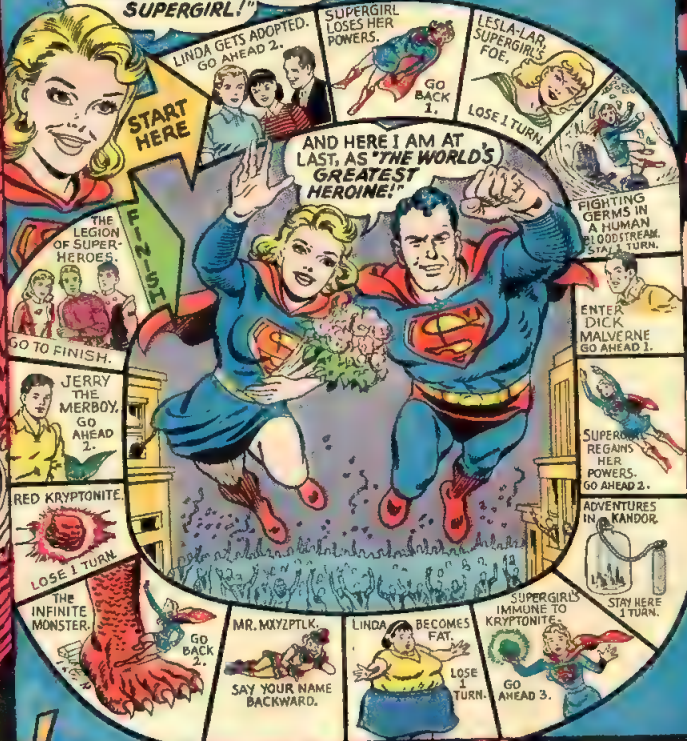


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A COMIC *FIRST!*
A COMPLETE
BOOK-LENGTH NOVEL!

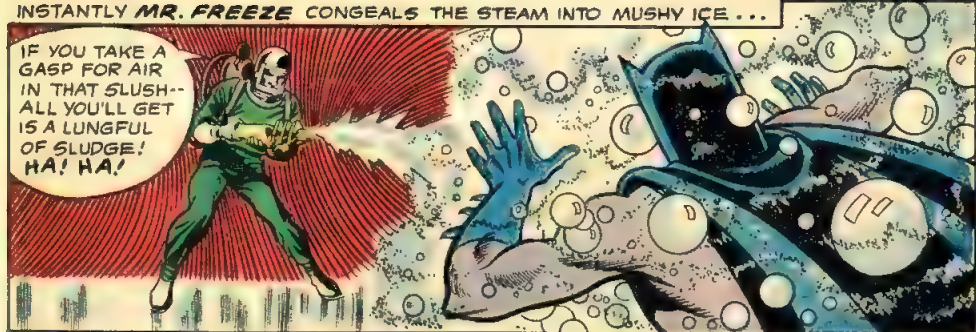
IT'S AN EXCITING GAME!
I BEGIN AS "THE UNKNOWN
SUPERGIRL!"



Starting **JAN 9th** AT YOUR
NEWSDEALER

INSTANTLY **MR. FREEZE** CONGEALS THE STEAM INTO MUSHY ICE...

IF YOU TAKE A GASP FOR AIR IN THAT SLUSH-- ALL YOU'LL GET IS A LUNGFUL OF SLUDGE! HA! HA!

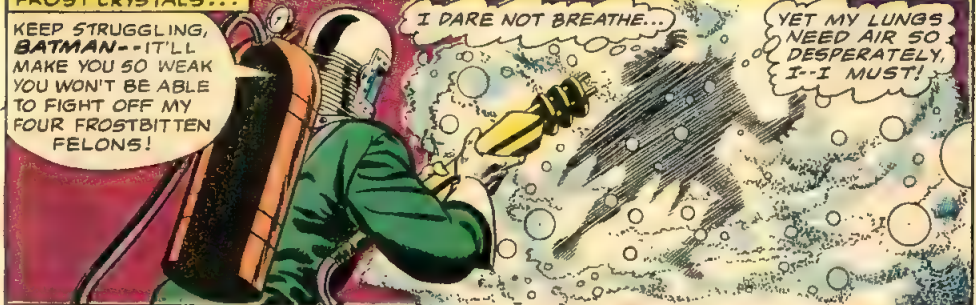


DESPERATELY, THE MASKED MANHUNTER FIGHTS FOR LIFE INSIDE THAT MANTLE OF MUSHY FROST CRYSTALS...

KEEP STRUGGLING, **BATMAN**-- IT'LL MAKE YOU SO WEAK YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FIGHT OFF MY FOUR FROSTBITTEN FELONS!

I DARE NOT BREATHE...

YET MY LUNGS NEED AIR SO DESPERATELY, I--I MUST!



WITH A SPLATTERING OF HOAR-FROST, HE LUNGES FREE FROM THE ICE MIST...

YOU GOT OUT SOONER THAN I THOUGHT, **BATMAN**-- BUT I ALWAYS REACT WITH ICY CALM TO ANY EMERGENCY...



--SO NOW I'M GOING TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT NONE OF YOUR ARCH-FOES COULD EVER DO!

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PUT YOU IN A DEATH-TRAP FROM WHICH THERE CAN BE NO ESCAPE!

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I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE, **MR. FREEZE**!

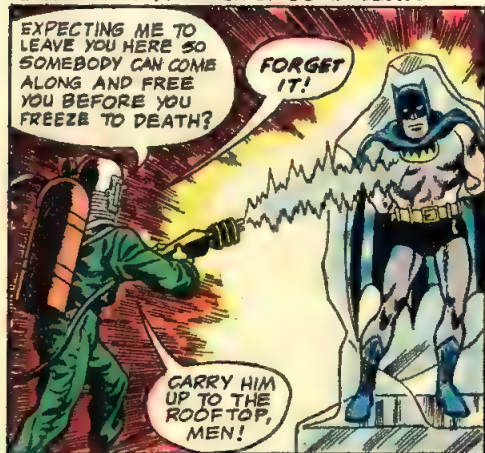
NO MATTER WHAT SORT OF TRAP YOU WORK OUT-- I'LL GET AWAY! I ALWAYS DO!

I'M SWITCHING YOUR HEATING UNIT OFF-- KNOWING YOU'LL BE UNABLE TO MAKE A MOVE TO TURN IT ON AGAIN!



YOU'RE A COOL CUSTOMER, ALL RIGHT! BUT DON'T COUNT ON THAT **THERMAL** GADGET I'VE WATCHED YOU TURN ON AND OFF!

NEXT, A FRIGID BEAM FROM THE COLD BARREL OF THE CRYOTHERMAL GUN ENCASES BATMAN IN A SHEATH OF SOLID ICE!...

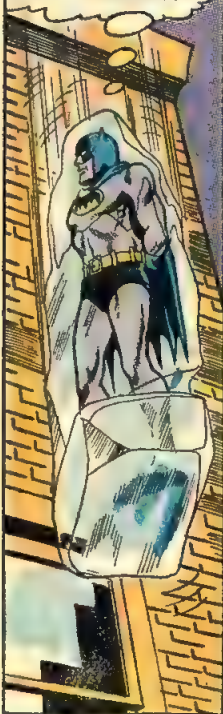


MINUTES LATER, A THRUST OF A FOOT TOPPLES THE FROZEN FIGURE OF THE **CAPED CRUSADER** TOWARD A TERRIBLE DOOM!



PLUMMETING DOWNWARD IN THE ICE-DEATH SHEATH, THE MASKED MANHUNTER "KEEPS HIS COOL"...

A FALLING BODY ACCELERATES IN SPEED AS GRAVITY PULLS AT IT--SO TAKING WIND-RESISTANCE INTO ACCOUNT...



I HAVE ABOUT 10 SECONDS TO WORK FREE BEFORE I HIT THE STREET-LEVEL!



UNHAPPY LANDING, BATMAN!



EIGHT SECONDS LATER--AN ARM BURSTS FREE--AS ICE AND WATER FLECK THE AIR...

I WHIPPED OUT MY BAT-ROPE JUST AS THE ICE GAVE WAY!



THE REFRIGERATED ROGUE HAS BEEN A STUNNED WITNESS TO A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE! IN UTTER DISBELIEF HE SHOUTS OUT...

HOW'D YOU DO IT, BATMAN?

YOUR ICE WASN'T ALL IT WAS CRACKED UP UP TO BE, MR. FREEZE!

NOW-- I'M COMING UP AFTER YOU!

THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO TRACK HIM TO HIS HIDEAWAY!

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME--OR MINE, BATMAN! YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FOLLOW ME ACROSS MY ICY BRIDGES-- THAT I MELT BEHIND ME AS FAST AS I RUN!

PANTING HARD--BUT UNHARMED EXCEPT FOR THE LONG LOSS OF BREATH-- THE GOTHAM GANG-BUSTER WATCHES AS...

AND IN MR. FREEZE'S COLD-OUT, SOON AFTER...

BATMAN?! IS THERE NO END TO YOUR TALENTS?

HOW COULD YOU HAVE FOLLOWED ME HERE?

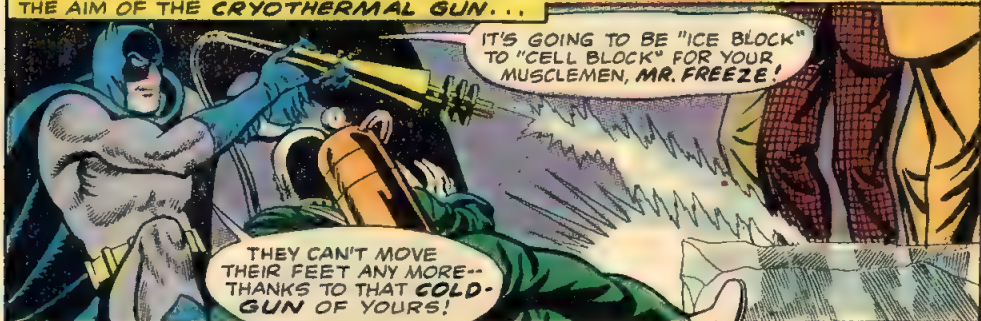
WHY SHOULD I TELL YOU? YOU MIGHT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE NEXT TIME!

I'VE "COOLED" AROUND WITH YOU LONG ENOUGH, BATMAN! HERE'S WHERE I TURN ON THE HEAT!

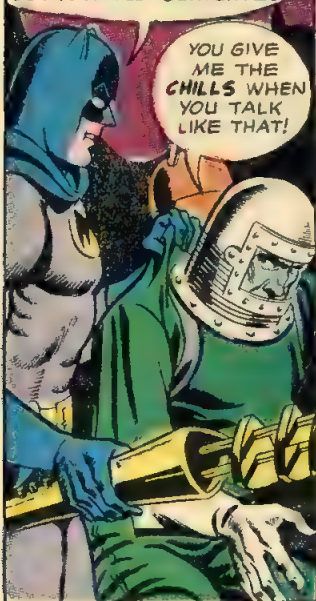
ONE THING I DON'T GO FOR IS A HOT-FOOT, MR. FREEZE!



THE REFRIGERATED ROGUE DROPS--AND NOW IT IS BATMAN'S HAND THAT GUIDES THE AIM OF THE CRYOTHERMAL GUN...



BUT CHEER UP! I'LL MAKE SURE THE LAW GIVES YOU YOUR OWN CELL--A SPECIAL REFRIGERATED ROOM TO KEEP YOU ALIVE TO SERVE OUT YOUR FULL SENTENCE!



AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, SOMEWHAT LATER...

GREAT WORK, BATMAN!

BUT WHERE'S ROBIN?

HE HAD AN EMERGENCY CASE OF HIS OWN, COMMISSIONER!

WHICH REMINDS ME--I'D BETTER GET OVER TO THE HOSPITAL AND FIND OUT HOW AUNT HARRIET IS!

IN THE HOSPITAL, AFTER BRUCE WAYNE TELLS BATMAN'S STORY...

I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DIDN'T TELL MR. FREEZE HOW YOU ESCAPED THAT FALL-- BUT HOW ABOUT ME?

REMEMBER WHEN I SAID I HAD A HUNCH ABOUT ADDING A WRINKLE OF MY OWN?

WELL, WHILE CHECKING OUT MY THERMAL UNIT, I SIMPLY SWITCHED ITS WIRES AROUND SO THAT WHEN THE SWITCH READ OFF, IT WAS ON!

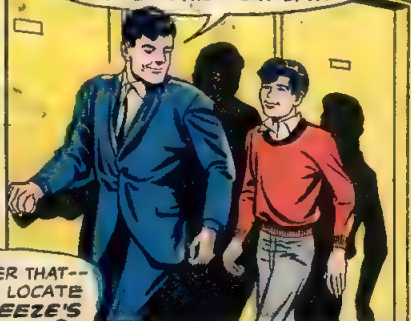


SO ACTUALLY--MR. FREEZE HELPED ME TO ESCAPE UNKNOWINGLY BY SWITCHING MY THERMAL UNIT ON! WHILE I WAS BEING CARRIED TO THE ROOF, THE HEATED UNIFORM BEGAN MELTING THE ICE--SO DURING THE 10-SECOND FALL I MANAGED TO GET AN ARM FREE AND HURL MY BAT-ROPE!



BUT AFTER THAT--HOW'D YOU LOCATE MR. FREEZE'S COLD-OUT?

I ATTACHED A COUNTER-TRACER TO THE PHONE-LINE HE TAPPED AND USED ELECTRONIC SIGNALS TO LEAD ME BACK TO MR. FREEZE'S PHONE IN HIS RETREAT!



DOCTOR NOSTRAND EXPLAINED HOW BATMAN AND ROBIN SAVED MY LIFE, BRUCE! YOU MUST ARRANGE FOR ME TO THANK THEM PERSONALLY!



THEY'LL SEE TO THAT--I ASSURE YOU, MRS. COOPER!

THEY'LL BE YOUR FIRST VISITORS TOMORROW MORNING, AUNT HARRIET--



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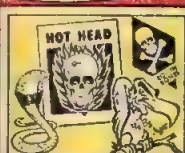
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BATMAN'S HOT-LINE

DEAR EDITOR:

Both the *Batman* and *Elongated Man* stories in *Detective* 368 were good, but each of them had one thing about it that bothered me.

"The 7 Wonder Crimes of Gotham City" was both good and bad. For one thing, there were only 4 of the 7 wonder crimes I had hoped to see, but I didn't let that bug me. I was too busy being impressed by the terrific art. But the story itself had enough holes to equal the good points.

Good points: No outlandish *Bat-gimmicks*! I'm willing to believe that the utility belt houses a limited supply of optical equipment (like contact lenses to filter infra-red rays and sunglasses which have to be improvised upon to make snow goggles). And there was that marvelous concoction of action and mystery (not knowing anything about the mastermind behind the whole scheme until the end, etc.) throughout the story.

Bad points: Why, if the genius behind the series of super-crimes was an *egotist*, did he make a giant statue of *Batman*? I mean, any real swelled head would spend all the time it must have taken to prepare the balloon to make it look like *himself*! After all, all he needed was an illuminative statue to straddle the harbor. And one thing that really shook me—and I classify this as the part that bothered me—what the heck was the name of the mastermind anyhow?

The *EM* story was great. There were the normal boo-boos that slip into every story, but Gil Kane did a great art job. (One minor mistake that I can't help mentioning. Has Ralph put fingernails on his gloves, or what? Whose hand was that on page 7, panel 1?) The thing that really bothered me the most was that you put this story in *Detective Comics*. It should have appeared in *The Atom*! *Atom* was in 23 panels, *EM* was in only 22!

—Billy Neville, Raleigh, N.C.

(You sure nailed us on that fingernails-through-the-gloves bit! But what's this about "normal boo-boos that slip into every story"? You mean to imply that there's *never* been a boo-boo free yarn—or are you just stringing us along?—Editor)

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DEAR EDITOR:

Loved the *Elongated Man-Atom* caper, "The Treacherous Time-Trap," in *Detective* 368. Now that *Hawkman* is no longer under your aegis, it is only fitting that the *Tiny Titan* find himself a new partner. And what better choice than the *Ductile Detective*? With his ability to stretch to all sizes and *Atom's* capacity to shrink to all degrees, the makings of a new team could definitely be in the offing. Besides, this "Mutt and Jeff" relationship could make for many a hilarious panel.

As for the *Batman* story, while commendable in many parts (which I shall refer to shortly), "The 7 Wonder Crimes of Gotham City" was a letdown after the two-part mystery masterpiece that preceded it. In all fairness, I think any story would have had difficulty in being accepted after the above-mentioned *Alley* material. What I found especially disappointing was the lack of space allocated to the mastermind

thief; after causing so much annoyance to the *Dynamic Duo* and havoc in *Gotham City*, one might have at least learned his name and why he turned to crime.

Although I abhor *camp* in illustrated fiction, I chuckled galore when *Batman* got on his soap box to sermonize a group of crooks on their constitutional rights. Coming so unexpected as it did, made this panel one of the highlights of the story.

—Joe Arul, New York, N.Y.

(Another reader wondering why the name of the mastermind in the "7 Wonder Crimes" story wasn't revealed. Maybe we were saving that as the "8th Wonder"!—Editor)

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DEAR EDITOR:

Having been a rather long-winded pest lately, I will do my best to keep comments on the October *Detective* short and to the point. The "7 Wonders" idea—good. The story itself—not so good. Too much possibility crammed into too little space. As a book-length...?

General on *Elongated Man*. I find him an absolute delight. His conceit, and I am not being sarcastic, is most comic, and somehow, refreshing. (Blast commas, my sentences always wind up unaccountably full of 'em.) But anyway, there seems to be a poll running on the *EM* art. I can't decide whether I prefer Infantino's many-lined, scratchy sketches or the more "finished" work of the Infantino-Greene combination, but these two are definitely my favorites of the group.

There's another vote I'd like to cast. It's for the magazines you edit as being the most rational, intelligent, imaginative, well-written and drawn comics available. And, of course, the most humorous (intentionally). Some of the little competition I've seen is highly humorous but somehow I don't think the humor was intentional.

—Moir L. Maynard, St. Paul, Minn.

(Your "short-and-to-the-point" comments might have terminated without that final paragraph—but as long as you insisted on writing it, we insist on leaving it in!—Editor)

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DEAR EDITOR:

To be perfectly honest about it, the best thing in the October *Detective* was the *Elongated Man* adventure. This was the finest Kane-Greene job I've seen since the *dual-Atom* teamup of last year.

So much for the artwork—now I'll tear the plot apart, piece by piece. Generally, *EM* stories don't have much plot content: The humor is intended to make up for this deficiency. This issue's story is an exception; I found it to contain both plot and humor, making it one of the best *EM* stories ever printed. This is tearing the plot apart, piece by piece?!

—Jeff Pierce, Stanford, Cal.

(If not *piece by piece*, surely *Pierce by Jeff*!—Editor)

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BATMAN'S HOT-LINE-- EXTRA

DEAR EDITOR:

I like Batgirl!

It continues to amaze me that anybody could dislike her, but at least Dan Meskur's anti-Batgirl letter in DETECTIVE 369, while one in a long line of similar comments, had the saving face of logic.

Trouble is, he missed his own well-taken points. Mr. Meskur mentions Sherlock Holmes and Hercule Poirot as two great detectives of fiction who didn't need anything more than a sidekick—and certainly not a girl. He forgets that Watson and Hastings were romantics of the first order, who could not help believing anything a pretty girl said, and who fell in love and married during the course of their careers with Holmes and Poirot. Furthermore, Watson and Hastings were not partners, but foils for the undoubted egotism of their illustrious detective friends. They were bumbling, well-intentioned idiots who were deliberately kept in the dark and left to make futile efforts at detecting, while the geniuses were arranging affairs with seeming omniscience. It should be obvious that *Batman* and *Robin* do not fit the Holmes-Watson mold. *Batman* is not an insufferable egotist; *Robin* is not stupid. They are a team, and a delicately well-balanced team, at that. Neither partner takes unfair advantage of the other's weaknesses. *Batman's* attitude towards *Robin* is not sneeringly superior, though he is the stronger (physically and mentally) of the two. *Robin* is not a sidekick who gets kicked around.

Batman has straightforward and extremely shallow characterization. His personality is more a public relations myth than a reality. Bruce Wayne relaxing in his easy chair with the paper, Bruce Wayne attending a ritzy charity affair, Bruce Wayne explaining a new scientific discovery at the Wayne Foundation—these are his typical, stereotyped "secret identity" actions, while "*Batman himself*" has a like pattern of *Batman* speaking grimly to Commissioner Gordon, *Batman* visibly making a brilliant deduction, *Batman* admonishing *Robin*, *Batman* wrapping up criminals while talking mile-a-minute, *Batman* receiving a token wound in the arm or shoulder. Within this framework, *Batman* must always (and regrettably does) remain invincible, his mind literally seething with ideas at the most unlikely times (i.e. when he is about to be clawed to death by some animal), his ability to understand and cope with any situation so fixed that he is never truly flabbergasted by anything, and his physical prowess so huge that he might as well be called *Hercules*. He has very few recognizable character traits. In most *Batman*

stories, the emphasis is so totally on action against criminals that he has, supposedly, little need of them. *Batman* is the perfect fighting machine, unencumbered by excess humanity.

Robin, who is merely a junior edition of *Batman* with a few distinctly "boyish" traits, does not have much personality, either, but his is less stereotyped. He doesn't have to pretend to be a playboy, only a school-boy—which isn't an incongruity, since he is a school-boy. But his tastes and interests are not well-delineated; the main emphasis of a *Batman* story is on *Batman*, not *Robin*.

Thus, one is left with a need for human interest which neither *Batman* nor *Robin* fulfill. (I hope it isn't necessary to point out how essential human interest is to any story.) Supporting characters Alfred and Commissioner Gordon are too old to provide more than an occasional dose of humor or pathos; to make either of them a main character (in the true sense of the word) would be to upset the balance of a story, as neither of them can participate actively in a story and maintain his position as commissioner or butler: they inevitably become a noxious form of *deus ex machina*. What we have left is an obvious need for a girl, mainly because a girl is the most economical addition one can make to a situation or story. Having an inherent potential for romantic entanglements, she can create dramatic tension between all of the male characters in a story, giving the story more dimensions, simply by being in it, without mentioning love or slowing the action. And the writer has all the elusive, contradictory fascinating feminine traits men like to think women possess to work with.

Enter *Batgirl*, presenting *Batman* (and *Robin*) with a new situation, moreover, an unpredictable situation, to cope with. So far, *Batman's* admirable sang-froid has not deserted him, even when faced with the "desertion" of his partner, as in the current story, "Batgirl Breaks Up The Dynamic Duo!" But *Batgirl's* existence—and Barbara Gordon's—has given *Batman*, finally, a major problem to hang over his head and cause sleepless nights. The more contact he has with *Batgirl*, the more he will wonder just how much Commissioner Gordon and his daughter know about him, for consciously or subconsciously, he is beginning to ferret out her "secret identity"—and perhaps beginning to wonder if she is doing the same about him!

—Irene Varianoff, Lake Forest, Ill.

(When a swinger like Irene V. goes to bat for *Batgirl*—she's bound to make her a hit!—Editor)

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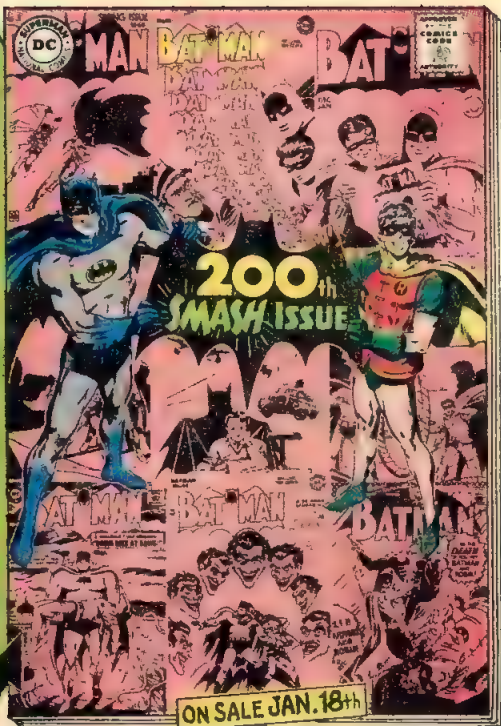
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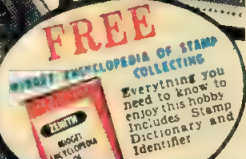
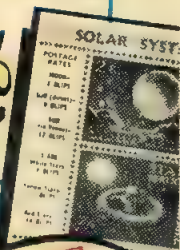


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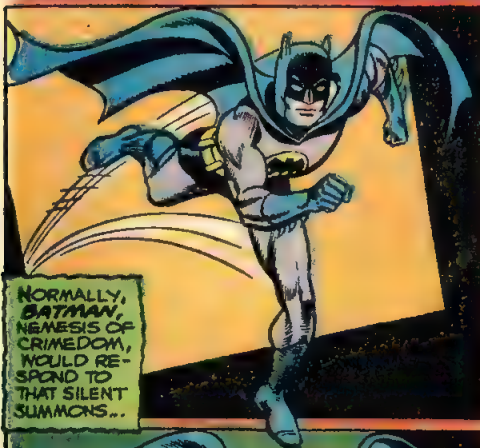
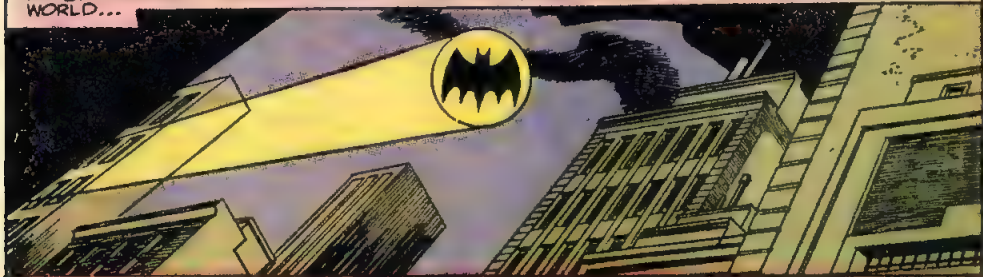
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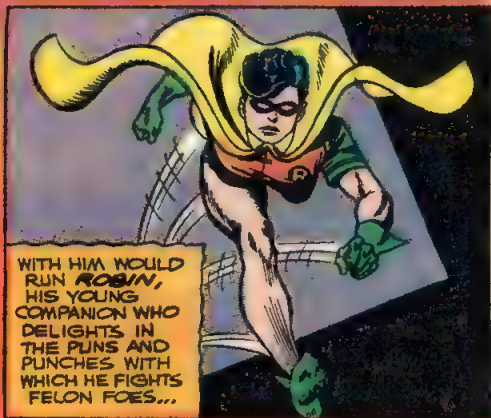
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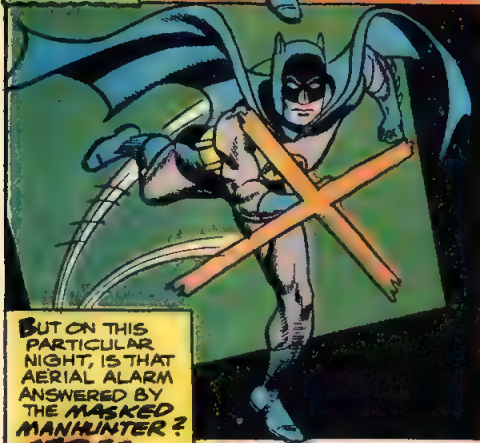
HIGH ABOVE GOTHAM CITY, A FAMILIAR BUT AWESOME SYMBOL ILLUMINATES THE NIGHT-SKY! THIS IS THE BAT-SIGNAL--SINISTER SIGNAL TO EVILDOERS, NIGHTMARE NIMBUS TO THE CRIMINAL UNDER-WORLD...



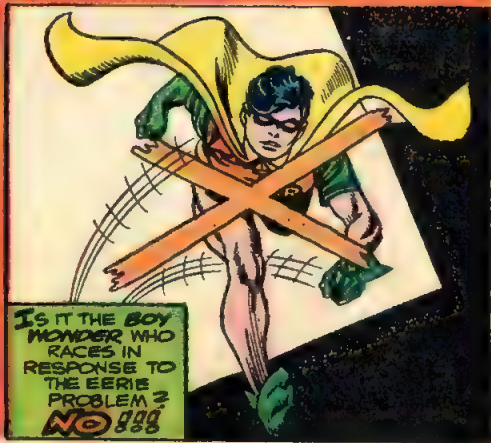
NORMALLY, BATMAN, NEHEMESIS OF CRIMEDOM, WOULD RESPOND TO THAT SILENT SUMMONS...



WITH HIM WOULD RUN ROBIN, HIS YOUNG COMPANION WHO DELIGHTS IN THE PUNS AND PUNCHES WITH WHICH HE FIGHTS FELON FOES...



BUT ON THIS PARTICULAR NIGHT, IS THAT AERIAL ALARM ANSWERED BY THE MASKED MANHUNTER?
NO!!!



IS IT THE BOY WONDER WHO RACES IN RESPONSE TO THE EERIE PROBLEM?
NO!!!

WILL ANYONE ELSE APPEAR TO ANSWER! THE BAT-SIGNAL--AND TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE OF...

"The Riddler on the Roof!"

YES! FOR UP THE SIDE OF THE SKYSCRAPER WHICH SERVES AS GOTHAM CITY POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS CLAMBERS A STARTLING FIGURE ...

WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN SHOW UP IN THE COM-MISSIONER'S OFFICE --

I'LL BE THERE TO SURPRISE THEM!

IN THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONER...

WHA-WHAT'S THAT?

A HAND, COMMISSIONER GORDON!

SHAKE IT--

--AND GREET THE ELONGATED MAN!

WH-WHAT BRINGS YOU TO GOTHAM CITY?

TO ANSWER THE BAT-SIGNAL ALONG WITH BATMAN AND ROBIN!

THEY'RE OUT OF TOWN ON A CASE --

AND WHAT BAT-SIGNAL? I DIDN'T ORDER IT TURNED ON!

THERE IT IS--IN ALL ITS GLORY!

I'VE GOT TO SEE ABOUT THIS! I'LL TAKE THE ELEVATOR TO THE ROOF AND...

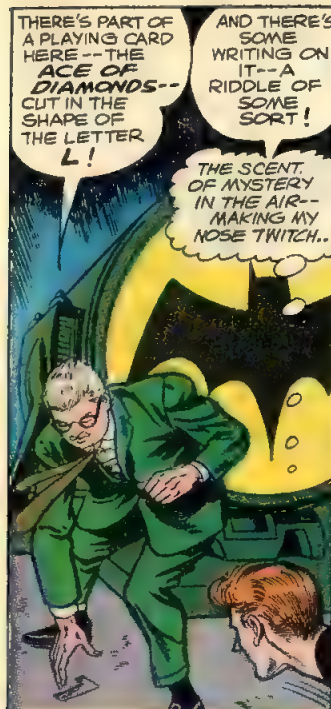
NO NEED FOR THE ELEVATOR, COM-MISSIONER--NOT WHEN I'M AROUND!

THE ELONGATING ARMS OF THE DUCTILE DETECTIVE LIFT THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OFF HIS FEET AND...

SEE ANYTHING UP THERE, COMMISSIONER?

NOTHING THAT WOULD EXPLAIN...

WAIT! YES, I DO!



THERE'S PART OF A PLAYING CARD HERE--THE **ACE OF DIAMONDS**-- CUT IN THE SHAPE OF THE LETTER **L**!

AND THERE'S SOME WRITING ON IT--A RIDDLE OF SOME SORT!

THE SCENT OF MYSTERY IN THE AIR-- MAKING MY NOSE TWITCH..

"WHY IS A **YELLOWTHROAT** LIKE A..."

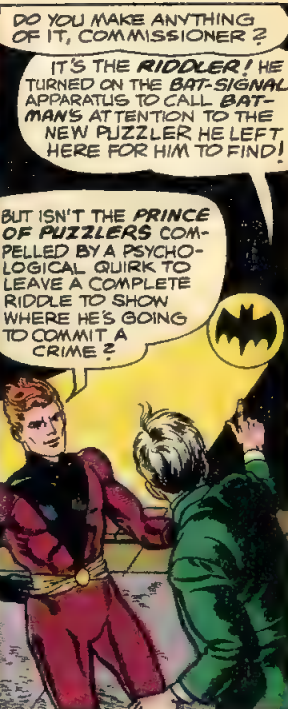
LIKE A **WHAT**?

THERE'S A BLANK SPACE THERE -- LEAVING THE RIDDLE UNFINISHED! THERE'S ANOTHER LINE ON THE BOTTOM OF THE CARD THAT SAYS--

"GET THE POINT?"

A why  is a yellowthroat like a

GET THE POINT?



DO YOU MAKE ANYTHING OF IT, COMMISSIONER?

IT'S THE **RIDDLER**! HE TURNED ON THE **BAT-SIGNAL** APPARATUS TO CALL **BAT-MAN**'S ATTENTION TO THE NEW PUZZLER HE LEFT HERE FOR HIM TO FIND!

BUT ISN'T THE **PRINCE OF PUZZLERS** COMPELLED BY A PSYCHOLOGICAL QUIRK TO LEAVE A COMPLETE RIDDLE TO SHOW WHERE HE'S GOING TO COMMIT A CRIME?

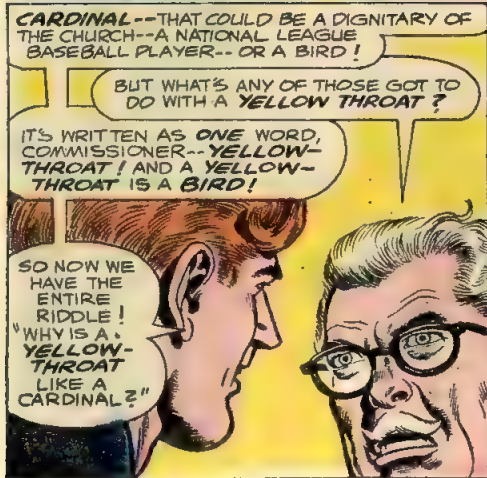


UP TO NOW-- YES!

THEN PERHAPS THE **CARD** ITSELF IS PART OF THE RIDDLE! LET'S SEE NOW...

WE HAVE A PLAYING CARD-- DELIBERATELY CUT OUT TO FORM AN **L**!

CARD AND L... CARD AND L... CARDINAL!

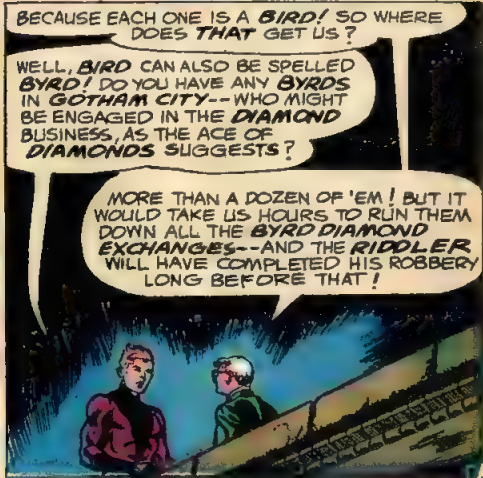


CARDINAL--THAT COULD BE A DIGNITARY OF THE CHURCH--A NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYER-- OR A BIRD!

BUT WHAT'S ANY OF THOSE GOT TO DO WITH A **YELLOW THROAT**?

IT'S WRITTEN AS **ONE WORD**, COMMISSIONER--**YELLOW-THROAT**! AND A **YELLOW-THROAT** IS A **BIRD**!

SO NOW WE HAVE THE ENTIRE RIDDLE! "WHY IS A **YELLOW-THROAT** LIKE A **CARDINAL**?"



BECAUSE EACH ONE IS A **BIRD**! SO WHERE DOES THAT GET US?

WELL, **BIRD** CAN ALSO BE SPELLED **BYRD**! DO YOU HAVE ANY **BYRDS** IN **GOTHAM CITY**-- WHO MIGHT BE ENGAGED IN THE **DIAMOND BUSINESS**, AS THE **ACE OF DIAMONDS** SUGGESTS?

MORE THAN A DOZEN OF 'EM! BUT IT WOULD TAKE US HOURS TO RUN THEM DOWN ALL THE **BYRD DIAMOND EXCHANGES**-- AND THE **RIDDLER** WILL HAVE COMPLETED HIS ROBBERY LONG BEFORE THAT!

MAYBE RIDDLER LEFT US A FURTHER CLUE! AN ACE IS ONE! AND LOOK--BIRDS MIGRATE SOUTH THIS TIME OF YEAR!

THAT WOULD SUGGEST NUMBER ONE SOUTH STREET! I WONDER IF THERE'S A BYRD DIAMOND EXCHANGE AT THAT ADDRESS?

THERE IS! I BOUGHT A BIRTHDAY GIFT THERE FOR MY DAUGHTER, BARBARA!

LIKE A GIANT SPIDER THE STRETCH-ABLE SLEUTH CASTS A SINISTER SHADOW OVER GOTHAM CITY ROOFTOPS AS LEGS AND ARMS ELONGATE IN THE DIRECTION OF SOUTH STREET...

AS MIGHT A SEETHING TIDE OF FLOOD WATERS, HE OVERFLOWS THE ROOF OF ONE SOUTH STREET AND SLITHERS DOWN ITS FRONT...

RIDDLER-- YOU BETTER BE HERE-- OR I'M MAKING A FOOL OF MYSELF!

I'M OFF TO MEET THE RIDDLER--

I'LL ALERT THE POLICE!

PLEASE--NO! IF BATMAN WERE HERE, HE'D HANDLE THIS CASE ON HIS OWN!

I'D LIKE THE SAME CONSIDERATION-- AS A VISITING CRIME-FIGHTING CELEBRITY!

AND INTO THE PREMISES OF THE BYRD DIAMOND EXCHANGE COMPANY...

NOW THAT I TAILED HIM HERE--

I GUESS THIS TALE IS OVER!

TAKE ANOTHER GUESS, ELONGATED MAN! THIS IS ONLY THE END OF PAGE 4--OF A 9-PAGE STORY!

THEN--IN A MIRROR PROPPED UP BEFORE THE RIDDLER...

eh? IT ISN'T BATMAN--
BUT THAT OVEREXTENDED
OCTOPUS OF A GAWK--
THE ELONGATED
MAN!

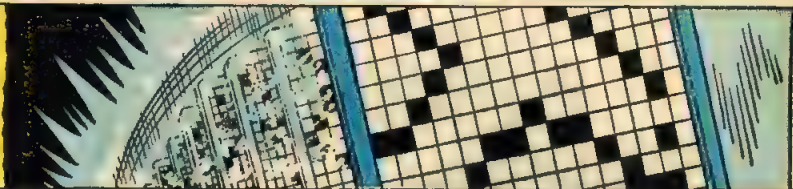


WELCOME
TO MY
TRICK--
MIRROR--
ELONGATED
MAN!

I HAD IT RESERVED FOR BAT-
MAN-- BUT SINCE YOU CRASHED
MY PARTY--YOU GET THE RE-
CEPTION I'D PLANNED FOR
HIM!



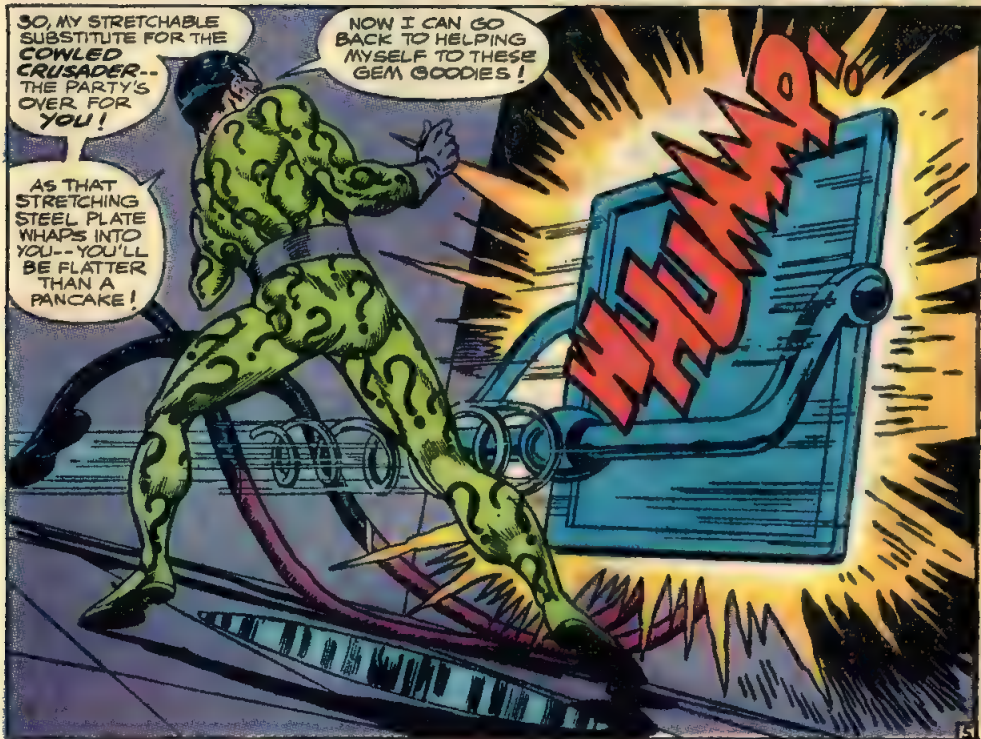
EXPANDING
WITH
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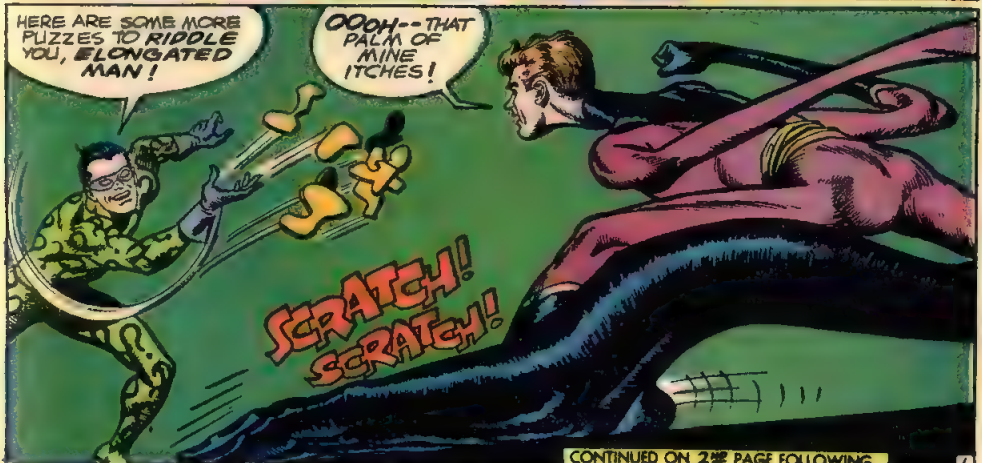
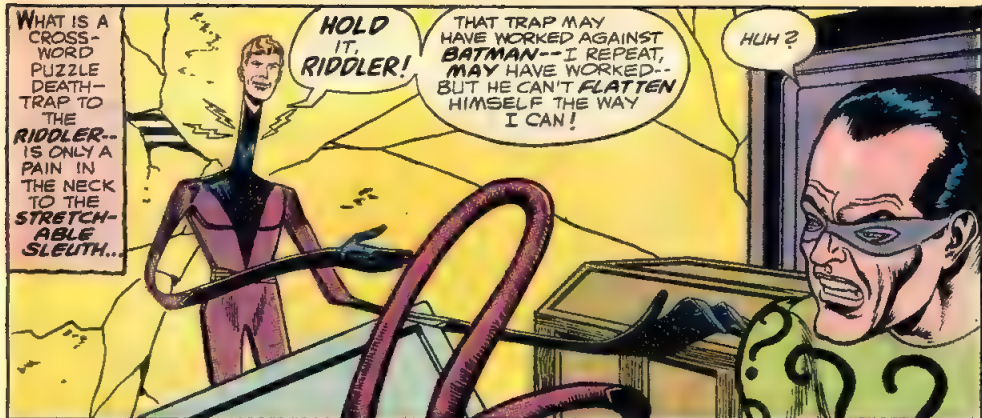


SO, MY STRETCHABLE
SUBSTITUTE FOR THE
COWLED
CRUSADER--
THE PARTY'S
OVER FOR
YOU!

NOW I CAN GO
BACK TO HELPING
MYSELF TO THESE
GEM GOODIES!

AS THAT
STRETCHING
STEEL PLATE
WHAPS INTO
YOU-- YOU'LL
BE FLATTER
THAN A
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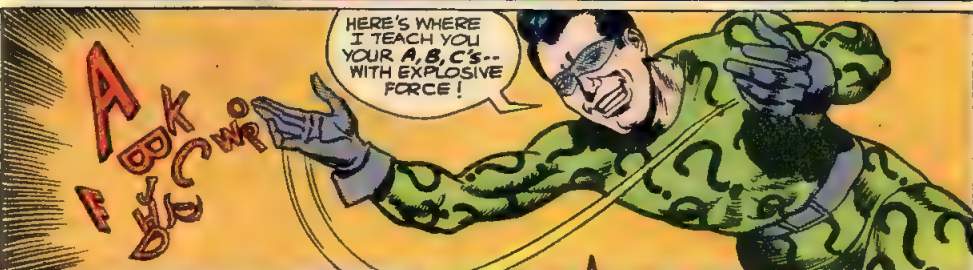
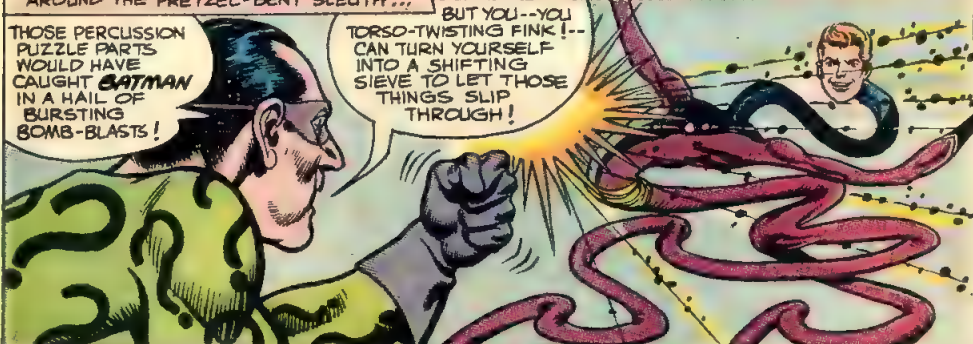
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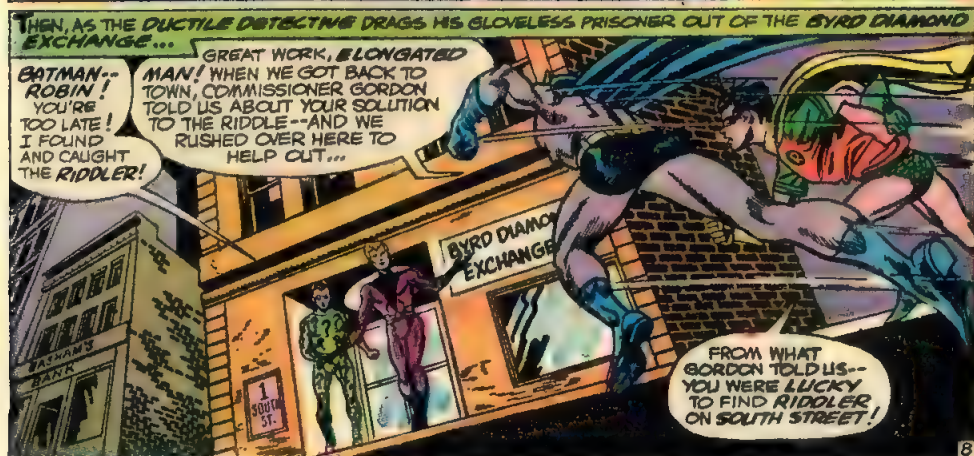
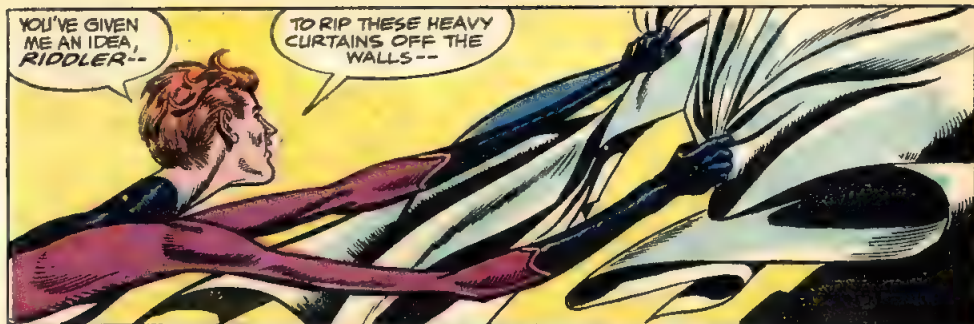
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WHATTA YOU MEAN, LUCKY?

YOU NEGLECTED THE PART OF THE RIDDLE-- CARD THAT SAID, "GET THE POINT"...

WHY YES--BUT I DIDN'T NEED IT TO FIGURE OUT TO GO SOUTH--

OH YES YOU DID! THE "POINT" REFERRED TO THE CARDINAL POINT OF THE COMPASS...

AND THE RIDDLE-- CARD WAS PLACED ON THE ROOF SO THAT ITS "POINT" WAS FACING SOUTH!

SHEER COINCIDENCE! THE RIDDLE DEALT WITH BIRDS--AND THE FACT THAT BIRDS MIGRATE SOUTH THIS TIME OF THE YEAR WAS THE CORRECT SOLUTION!

LET'S ASK THE RIDDLER WHOSE INTERPRETATION WAS THE RIGHT ONE!

I'M NOT TELLING ANY OF YOU ANYTHING! FIGHT IT OUT AMONG YOURSELVES!

IF THAT'S THE ONLY SATISFACTION I'LL GET OUT OF THIS FIASCO, SO BE IT!

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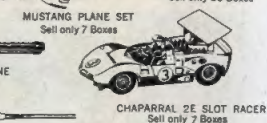
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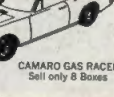
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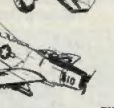
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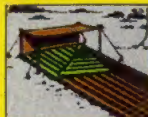
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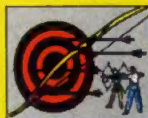
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